REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Final Office Action, the Applicants have cancelled claims 3, 13, 18 and 20. Furthermore, per the Examiner's suggestion, the Applicants have amended claims 6, 14 – 16 to make them allowable. Finally, the Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner has allowed claims 1, 2, 5, 8-12 and 19. As such, the Applicants believe that all of the pending claims are now allowable.

Additionally, Applicants submit that the present Amendment After Final is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner and contains no new matter. Further, Applicants believe that the present Amendment is merely formal in nature, is in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions, reduces the number of issues under consideration and places the case in condition for allowance. Applicants believe the present Amendment was necessitated by the outstanding Final Office Action and submits that the present amendments to the claims were not previously made as the prior claims were believed to be allowable over the cited prior art. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the present Amendment After Final be entered under 37 CFR § 1.116 and the case be passed to issue.

It is believed that no additional fees or deficiencies in fees are owed. However, authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 13-0235 in the event any additional fees are owed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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